

Lay Down My Brother

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Lay down my brother
Take it easy, take it slow
Lay down my brother
Rest a while, let it go

It's a long hard road in the wind and the rain
But you finally made it through
Odds are you'll be goin' again
But the odds won't be ridin' with you

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You've been workin' every minute, every hour, every day
Still the work is never done
The life you love is passin' away
But you feel you've only begun

Lay down my sister
Take it easy, take it slow
Lay down my sister
Rest a while, let it go

You can rock 'em in the cradle, rock 'em in your arms
Kiss their cheeks whenever they cry
You'll be wavin' from the doorway when they all come home
Wavin' when they tell you goodbye

Lay down my mother
Take it easy, take it slow
Lay down my mother
Rest a while, let it go

It's a penny for your thoughts, a dollar for your toil
Nothin' for yourself in between
When the sun's beatin' down on the hot dry soil
You wonder what any of it means

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